

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A mediation manager for a billing system between network elements and revenue-related distribution systems, comprising:
 - a protocol handler configured to receive usage data from a plurality of network elements, wherein said plurality of network elements comprises a plurality of telecommunication devices, and to format the usage data into a standard format, wherein said usage data comprises transaction data for a plurality of types of content delivery which has previously taken place over a network;
 - a data handler configured to parse, format and assemble the standard format usage data in accordance with a plurality of scripts wherein formatting and assembling the standard format usage data comprises converting a plurality of validated call detail records into a plurality of intermediate records and aggregating said plurality of intermediate records into a plurality of assembled records; and
 - a mediation script designer configured to graphically and interactively present a user with an environment for modifying the plurality of scripts, wherein said environment comprises a scripting area configured to display network element events using a tree model, and an event viewer window operable to display network element definitions.
2. (Original) The mediation manager of claim 1, wherein the mediation script designer is further configured to display a script in a graphical depiction.

3. (Currently Amended) The mediation manager of claim 2, wherein the mediation script designer is further configured to display [[a]] the script as a flow diagram.
4. (Currently Amended) The mediation manager of claim 2, wherein [[a]] the script contains a modifiable element and a nonmodifiable element, the mediation script designer is further configured to display the modifiable element and the nonmodifiable element as icons, and wherein the icon for the modifiable element is displayed with a graphical annotation that differs from the nonmodifiable element, wherein the graphical annotation displayed with the icon for the modifiable element comprises a background color which differs from a background color displayed with the icon displayed with the nonmodifiable element.
5. (Currently Amended) The mediation manager of claim 2, wherein the mediation script designer is further configured to selectively display [[a]] the script in a graphical depiction and as a text depiction.
6. (Original) The mediation manager of claim 1, wherein the mediation script designer is further configured to display a script editing window and a resource listing of recorded scripts.
7. (Original) The mediation manager of claim 6, wherein the mediation script designer is further configured to respond to a drag and drop operation between a recorded script in the resource listing and the script editing window.

8. (Currently Amended) A mediation manager for distributing billing-related usage data received from a plurality of collection points of a converged mediation network system, the mediation manager comprising:
 - a database containing the billing-related usage data;
 - a mediation manager script interface in electronic communication with the database and operably configured in accordance with a plurality of scripts to perform protocol handling of received usage data in the database from a plurality of network elements, to format the usage data into a standard format, and to perform data handling to parse, format and assemble the standard format usage data for distribution; and
 - a script designer responsive to a user and in client communication with the mediation manager script interface and the database; the script designer comprising a presentation layer providing a platform independent graphical user interface that is coupled to an integrated testing environment framework for communicating with the mediation manager.
9. (Currently Amended) The mediation manager of claim 8, wherein the mediation manager is further configured to ~~access~~ access a script versions ~~control repository~~, the script designer is further configured ~~further configures~~ to respond to a user to interact with the script versions control repository.
10. (Currently Amended) A ~~mediation manager~~ computer readable medium having stored thereon a set of instructions for distributing billing-related usage data received from a plurality of collection points of a converged mediation network system, ~~the mediation manager~~ the set of instructions operable to configure a computer to perform tasks comprising:

~~a means for~~ receiving and protocol handling the usage data from the plurality of ~~collection~~ collection points in accordance with at least one script from a plurality of scripts;

~~a means for~~ assembling, correlating and distributing ~~sitributing~~ the usage data to a plurality of billing system outcollects in accordance with at least one script from the plurality of scripts; and

~~a means for~~ remotely presenting a graphical user interface for editing a ~~pluralit~~ the plurality of scripts that control the ~~means for~~ receiving, protocol handling, assembling, correlating, and distributing the usage data.